

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education

- I. Policy / Written and Skills Testing for those individuals under the age of 18 enrolled in a DOE approved Career Center system.**
 - II. Purpose / Standardize the process and Board expectations of those applicants who desire to receive a variance from the Board rules for testing persons 18 years of age or older.**
 - III. Applicability / All persons enrolled in a career center system with students under the age of 18 who desire to be trained, tested and evaluated by the Board after completing the practical skills and written examination before the age of 18.**
 - IV. Risk Statement / reduce the time it takes to review and reduce the number of variance requests.**
 - V. Definitions**
6. Testing for those under the age of eighteen (18):
- a. Participant testing through a Career center (DOE oversight) shall apply for a variance for an extension of the 180 day maximum for their practical skills. Variance to 655 IAC 1-1-12 (h).
 - b. Participant testing through other Non-DOE oversight programs shall apply for a variance to 655 IAC 1-1-12 (e), which would allow them to take the written exam before the skills.
 - c. Anyone who applies for a variance under (h) the testing entity must meet the following criteria (Fill in DOE requirements).
 - d. You must file for a variance on your official letterhead. Use the following verbiage for the written exam:
 - a. I am requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age or older, and a junior, to take the written examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Material Operations,] prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday.



- e. List student names
- f. For the skills exam:
 - a. I am requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Material Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18th birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday.
- g. List student names at the end of the variance request.